IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RONALD W. HARSHMAN, : CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:17-CV-116

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Petitioner : (Chief Judge Conner)

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SUPERINTENDENT, STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT ROCKVIEW. et al..

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Respondents

ORDER

AND NOW, this 26th day of March, 2019, upon consideration of the application (Doc. 1) for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 filed by petitioner Ronald W. Harshman ("Harshman"), and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. Harshman's petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is GRANTED with respect to his claim under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), as further clarified in the accompanying memorandum.
- 2. Harshman's conviction and sentence for first-degree murder in the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Criminal Division, No. CP-28-CR-0000851-2000 are VACATED.
- 3. The execution of the writ of habeas corpus is STAYED for <u>ninety (90) days from the date of this order</u>, during which time the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may afford Harshman a new trial.
- 4. There is no basis for the issuance of a certificate of appealability. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Rule 11(a).

5. The Clerk of Court is directed to administratively CLOSE this case.

/S/ CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER
Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Middle District of Pennsylvania